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The amendment filed on 4-7-04 canceling all claims drawn to the elected invention and presenting only claims drawn to a non-elected invention is non-responsive (MPEP § 821.03). The remaining claims are not readable on the elected invention because Newly submitted claims 65-71 are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons:

New claims 65-67 are directed to a method of delivering vitamins to a section of skin by applying cactus fruit extract and a natural skin supplement; and claims 68-71 are directed to a method of moisturizing a section of skin by applying cactus fruit extract and a natural skin supplement. The originally presented composition claims can be used as a bar soap, a facial cleanser, a shampoo or a toothpaste and does not require the presence of vitamins. Thus, the composition is used for different purpose other than claimed method. Therefore, the composition is distinct from the method.

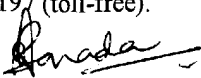
Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 65-71 have withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03. Originally elected claims 1-64 have been canceled.

Since the above-mentioned amendment appears to be a *bona fide* attempt to reply, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS, whichever is longer, from the mailing date of this notice within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) ARE AVAILABLE.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lakshmi S Channavajjala whose telephone number is 571-272-0591. The examiner can normally be reached on 7.30 AM -4.00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K Page can be reached on 571-272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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